# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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FILLING UP OF VACANT POSTS
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a large number of vacant posts of grade `C` are still lying pending before the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the vacant posts are likely to be filled up?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c): The details of vacant posts in group `C` are as under:-

Department of Telecommunications:

At present there are 564 vacancies in group `C`. Filling up of the vacancies for direct recruitment is pending for want of clearance from the Screening Committee as required in terms of DoP&T`s instructions regarding optimization of direct recruitment to civilian posts. As the process of absorption of ITS Group `A` officer in BSNL/MTNL has not yet been finalized, the sanctioned strength of various groups posts including Group `A` & `C` could not be determined, as a result of which clearance of the Screening Committee for filling up Direct Recruit vacancies is held up. Vacancies for promotion are being filled up. As regards filling up of the post of Manager Grade - II, DoT Canteen, DoP&T has issued instructions for re- categorization of Departmental Canteens and also for re-fixation of norms for canteen staff. The re-categorization of departmental Canteen of DoT in Sanchar Bhawan is in process. Regarding the post Computer (GCS), the selected candidate did not join. Case for filling up the post has been initiated.

Department of Posts:

At present there are 26,054 vacancies in group `C`. Filling up of direct recruitment vacancies is a time consuming process as certain prescribed pre-requisite procedure have to be followed before resorting to direct recruitment in any grade such as approval of Screening Committee, clearance from the Surplus Cell, reporting of vacancies to SSC, conducting examination by the various nodal agencies, verification of character and antecedents of persons recommended for appointment etc. Promotional posts are filled by holding DPCs and Departmental Examination.

Department of Information Technology:

At present there are 127 vacancies in group `C`. Filling up the posts for Direct Recruitment are subject to the guidelines issued by DOPTfrom time to time regarding optimization in recruitment through Annual Direct Recruitment Plan (ADRP) and approval of the same by Screening Committee. This exercise is underway in the Department. However, the Department is proposing exemption of S&T Posts from the purview of ADRP, which would also necessitate exemption of non-S&T Posts. As far as other posts to be filled up under promotion quota are concerned, action has already being initiated to fill up such posts as per provisions in the Recruitment Rules.